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PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Members of the Legislature, this bill is to create...increase the maximum for unemployment insurance, taking into account the increase in cost of living. It came from the State Labor Department. It is what they refer to as an "agreed upon bill by their Committee on legislation". There was no opposition testimony to the bill and the Labor Committee that has a wide representation of a diverse point of view voted unanimously to put the bill out so I believe that it is, indeed, non-controversial and a necessary piece of legislation. I'd ask that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: The question is, the confidence of the Speaker. The question is the advancement of 475 as amended. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay on motion to advance.

SPEAKER BURBACH PRESIDING

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a request to lay over 425.

SPEAKER: 494.

CLERK: LB 494 introduced by Senator George of the 16th District. Read title. There are no Committee amendments. There are amendments offered by Senator Koch.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. Speaker, Senator Koch is here. Maybe he wants to speak to his amendment first.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, the amendment that I have is to help to compliment Senator George's idea and his original legislation was to provide that the County Clerk's would offer certain dates throughout the year when individual citizens would be allowed to register for the purpose of voting. However, this is a problem not unique to the more rural areas of Nebraska. It is also unique to metropolitan areas so my effort here in this amendment is to provide that the election commissioners in Douglas, Sarpy and others would also in each legislative district, twice a year, would provide opportunities for people to register and become registered voters in the next election.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The intent of 494 is rather simple. We have had a number of counties in the state so far who do not provide any places of registration outside the county seat. This, of course, is very inconvenient to a number of people and, therefore, they do not register before elections. All the bill does now, with Senator Koch's amendment, and I do agree with Senator